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 at Toepchin between 22 July and 15 September 1951:

| Date         | Number of Cars | Dispatching Station |
|--------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 22 July      | 2              | Hohenleipisch       |
| 2 August     | 2              | Bernau              |
| 15 August    | 27             | Frankfurt/Oder      |
| 24 August    | 26             | Hohenleipisch       |
|              | 21             | Frankfurt/Oder      |
| 28 August    | 2              | Bulkow              |
| 6 September  | 25             | -                   |
| 8 September  | 43             | -                   |
| 9 September  | 26             | -                   |
| 10 September | 20             | -                   |
| 12 September | 48             | -                   |
| 15 September | 2              | (1) (2)             |

2. Ammunition shipments, which were dispatched by the ammunition depot at Toepchin between 14 July and 21 September included:

| Date    | Number of Cars | Receiving Station |
|---------|----------------|-------------------|
| 14 July | 9              | Frankfurt/Oder    |
| 20 July | 9              | Frankfurt/Oder    |

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|              |    |                   |
|--------------|----|-------------------|
| 12 August    | 3  | Hohenleipisch     |
|              | 3  | Hohenleipisch     |
| 16 August    | 19 | Altengrabow       |
| 17 August    | 5  | Roederau          |
| 20 August    | 7  | Altenhain         |
| 21 August    | 1  | Jessen; consignee |
| 23 August    | 29 | Hohenleipisch     |
| 6 September  | 27 | Altengrabow       |
| 7 September  | 14 | Hohenleipisch     |
| 10 September | 3  | Roederau          |
|              | 2  | Dannenwalde       |
|              | 4  | Finow             |
|              | 8  | Altengrabow       |
| 11 September | 8  | -                 |
| 12 September | 2  | Wildpark          |
|              | 26 | Hohenleipisch     |
| 14 September | 26 | Hohenleipisch     |
| 18 September | 26 | Hohenleipisch     |
| 21 September | 26 | Hohenleipisch     |

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3. On 12 July, 50 officers, whose arrival had been previously announced, arrived at the ammunition depot at Toepchin from Altengrabow. They were quartered in Packing Shed No 7. (3)
  4. On 21 July, four AA guns were emplaced about 300 meters south of Toepchin and 200 meters west of the road to Sputenberge. (4)
  5. In mid-August, Unit Marinkov marched by road from the ammunition depot at Toepchin. Their billeting equipment accompanied them on trucks. The duties of this unit were assumed by Unit Zakharchenko. Several officers of the unit leaving stated that they would be transferred to Leibsch near Luebben, where a new ammunition depot was to be constructed. (5)
  6. Forty officers had arrived at the ammunition depot a few days before unit Marinkov left the installation. The commandment of the ammunition depot stated that they would stay at the installation for only a few days.
  7. German workers stored ammunition boxes, weighing 83 kg each, in a bunker between 4 and 7 September. Each box contained four rounds of fixed shells about 100 cm long. The brass cartridge cases bore the following inscription:

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12/7.00.26 No 365 (or 385). The daily quota of 200 boxes was not met although a conveyor belt was available. Only 120 boxes were stored per day.

8. During the night of 5 September, 11 cars with ammunition were unloaded by soldiers. Each ammunition box weighed about 65 kg. (6)
9. On 31 August, heavy ammunition boxes were loaded on truck [ ] (7)
10. In early August, an unknown type of ammunition was observed in a bunker. The shells were about 110 cm long, about 35 cm in diameter and, apparently without fuses. Each shell was packed in a wooden crate and piled up in six layers in a bunker of about 15 x 6 x 3.5 meters. (8)
11. In mid-July, all Soviet soldiers working at the ammunition depot were relieved by recruits, who also replaced some of the German personnel. German workers were no longer employed for the transportation of ammunition to the railroad cars and to the bunkers. (9)
12. Unit Marinkov had been transferred in mid-August, allegedly to Fuerstenwalde, where a similar ammunition depot was said to be located. Soldiers were loading billeting equipment, office accessories, and motor vehicles on boxcars. (10)
13. In early September, more than 80 officers, about 20 Soviet soldiers and about 40 German personnel were employed at the installation. (11)

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Field Comments.

- 25X1 (1) [ ] confirm the ammunition depot at Tootschin until mid-September 1951. [ ]  
 In view of the large size [ ] it seems possible that the installation has two separate administrations.
- (2) Outgoing and incoming shipments were almost in equilibrium. Between 22 July and 21 September, 244 cars arrived and 257 cars left the ammunition depot. Outgoing ammunition was shipped to ammunition depots rather than directly to troop units.
- (3) It was previously reported that officers' courses, probably for administrative officers of ammunition depots, had been held at the installation.
- (4) Details on AAA protection of the ammunition depot were previously reported.
- (5) The two officers are known from previous reports to have been employed at the ammunition depot administration at Tootschin. The statement that Unit Marinkov was to be transferred to an ammunition depot under construction at Leibsch Spreewald (N 53/V 02) seems rather doubtful, as Leibsch would be too far from a railroad line.
- (6) It was noted that loading and unloading at Tootschin have repeatedly been performed at night. No details have yet been obtained.
- 25X1 (7) Truck [ ] belongs to the rear services of the GOCG.
- (8) The shells could not have been bombs as the flying units are supplied with bombs directly from the U.S.S.R., and because bombs would be identified as such by the tail assembly. According to information available, ERQ artillery in the Soviet Zone of Germany, the IV Arty Corps, has guns of a maximum of 203-mm. As it seems hardly possible that the caliber of the ammunition mentioned in the present report should have been overestimated by 75 percent, the ammunition probably belonged to German or Soviet railway guns.
- 25X1 (9) [ ] about 100 German workers were employed at the ammunition depot at Tootschin. It is possible that, as a result of the replacement of German personnel by Russians, Germans are no longer assigned special duties.

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This measure, however, affects only installations of higher security categories. The present report is the first to confirm the removal of German personnel in an ammunition depot.

- (10) The transfer of unit Marinkov was confirmed by another source. The new location of the unit is undetermined.
- (11) The number of officers includes 50 to 60 officers participating in the course of instruction mentioned in paragraph 3 of the present report.

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